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1st April 1862.*

No. 9. Read the following letter from Major H. R. MORGAN, Officiating Conservator of Forests, to J. D. SIM, Esq., Secretary to Government, Revenue Department, Fort Saint George, dated Madras, 31st March 1862, No. 863 :—

SIR,

I have the honor to submit herewith an original communication, with enclosure, from Major Babington, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Neilgherries, and request the orders of Government thereon.

From Major J. H. M. BABINGTON, Assistant Conservator of Forests, Ootacamund, to the Conservator of Forests, dated Ootacamund, 19th March 1862, No. 171.

SIR,

1. Agreeably to your directions, I have the honor to bring to your notice, that the two instalments of Rupees 325 each due by Messrs. Wilson & Co. when they threw up the firewood contract for Ootacamund, are still unpaid, I addressed them on the 21st ultimo, requesting they would inform me what steps they purposed taking to liquidate the amount due, on that the matter would have to be referred to Government, in order that legal steps might be taken for its recovery; and as yet I have received no reply to my letter.

2. Messrs. Wilson & Co., I understand, have petitioned Government, that the amount due from them on account of the firewood contract might be partly remitted, in consequence of Mr. James McIvor having felled and sold wood; this reason in their case is not valid, as at this time of accepting the contract Mr. James McIvor was selling firewood.

3. In order to show how much of revenue which ought to be credited to the Forest Department, is frequently lost to it, I append a list of the quantity of wood taken out of the sholas in the land leased by Mr. James McIvor, in the neighbourhood of Ootacamund, and am given to understand that he granted the privilege of taking wood for firewood and charcoal, to a person during the month of December 1861, for Rupees 240.

Memorandum of Wood and Charcoal taken from Mr. McIvor's Sholas.

	Firewood.		Charcoal.	
	Bandies.	Head loads.	Bullocks.	Head loads.
September 1861... ..	223	1,522	48	109
October	193	1,214	97	138
November... ..	125	984	37	102
December... ..	265	442	51	34
Total.....	809	4,162	233	383

Ootacamund,
19th March 1862.

(Signed) J. H. M. BABINGTON, Major,
Assistant Conservator of Forests.

No. 10.

ORDER THEREON, 1st April 1862, No. 718.

Major Morgan is requested to forward a copy of Messrs. Wilson & Co.'s agreement.

(Signed) C. G. MASTER,
Deputy Secretary to Government.

